

matter what. When guys are getting shot at, that's why you're there," he said.

Miles described living in bunkers while in Korea—large holes excavated in the earth that were lined with timber posts. Miles knew all the men he served with and said he always loved the camaraderie with his fellow soldiers.

"War is hell to be in, but it was a good experience," Miles said. "I'd do it again if I had to."

He said the thing he appreciated the most was the friendship he had with the men he served with, despite the frigid and deadly conditions. He spoke of one friend who never returned—a soldier who the army failed to find after a search and is still listed as missing.

After being in the country for six months, Miles was in the field tending to two wounded soldiers when a shell exploded nearby. Miles was hit with shrapnel and wounded. He was rescued from the field by jeep and then flown by helicopter to the USS Consolation hospital ship. He stayed on the ship for six months until he was able to walk again and returned home. He was awarded his Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his service.

Miles returned to Boone and the railroad. Despite the hardship of the war, Miles said he eventually returned to an ordinary life.

"When I first got home, I couldn't go to a movie because I was too jittery," he said of films with gunfire or war movies. Later his tension abated and he was able to pursue all his social activities. Miles is an avid fan of sports who often swam at the public pool and played tennis and baseball in an adult league at the city park.

At 35, Miles married school classmate Lois Huffman, who has since passed away, and the couple had two sons, Lane and Lynn. Miles says he responds to the conflicts in the world today as anyone else probably would. "It works out of your system," Miles said of the trauma he felt in the war. "I lived a regular life when I got home. It was different for a while, but you get used to it again."

Miles said that many veterans returning home aren't respected as they should be. He said he supports providing higher education to veterans to help them get professional jobs. "I'm a veteran, but there are veterans who come home who aren't treated the way they should be," Miles said.

I commend John Miles for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF DETECTIVE CHAD DOUBLE, DISTRICT CHIEF ROBERT REBTOY AND OFFICER PATRICK SPELMAN FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SAFETY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor America's First Responders, the brave men and women who have dedicated their lives to protecting the lives of our citizens. As we remember those who have fallen in the line of duty, I wish to also recognize the continued dedication of those who serve our communities today.

In particular, I rise to honor and recognize three committed public servants from Michigan's 9th Congressional District: Detective

Chad Double of the Farmington Hills Police Department, District Chief Robert Rebtoy of the Farmington Hills Fire Department and Officer Patrick Spelman of the Farmington Public Safety Department. In their respective roles, these men have been shining examples of dedication and public service and have made a real difference in their communities and undoubtedly to the many individuals and families whose lives they have touched.

Detective Chad Double began his career with the Police Department nine years ago as a cadet and through much hard work and determination rose to the rank of Detective in the Department's Investigative Bureau, which he holds today. Detective Double has been honored many times in his young career, receiving multiple citations, commendations and awards.

Like so many of his brethren, District Chief Robert Rebtoy of the Farmington Hills Fire Department brings a lifetime of dedication to protecting public safety. Mr. Rebtoy's 42 years of service with the Department are marked by distinction, having received dozens of awards and citations for his work, including the 1985 Fire Fighter of the Year Award from his Department.

Farmington Public Safety Department Officer Patrick Spelman is yet another fine example of public service. In his short time with the Department Officer Spelman received numerous awards and commendations for his service, including recognition as the Department's 2009 Officer of the Year.

The responsibilities placed on our first responders are often the most significant and demanding, ensuring the safety and continued health of our community. Their lives are on the line every day as they bravely undertake the work of protecting our communities. It is fitting that these men be honored for their dedication on September 11, 2010 when just nine years ago, so many of their brothers and sisters were called upon to meet an unparalleled challenge. Their courage, bravery and determination, like those of these three men, are most valued virtues found in all our first responders.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring these three outstanding public servants. Detective Double, District Chief Rebtoy and Officer Spelman represent the kind of dedication and self-sacrifice emblematic of our nation's first responders whose work is so critical to the continued security and welfare of our communities.

ANDREW HUTCHINSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew Hutchinson. Andrew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 332, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Andrew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous

merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Andrew achieved the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Andrew has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Andrew provided maintenance at St. Robert's Bellarmine Church in Blue Springs, Missouri, by replacing the outside steps and repainting a shed for the church.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew Hutchinson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUDHIR
PARIKH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh, a resident of New Jersey and honored member of the Indian American community. Dr. Parikh recently received the 2010 Padma Shri award from President Pratibha Patil of India, honoring distinguished Indians and people of Indian origin for their contributions to a wide variety of fields in public life. I applaud Dr. Parikh's achievements and dedication and recognize his work as it serves as an inspiration to us all.

Dr. Parikh is a nationally acclaimed and respected allergist and immunologist and has used his time, money, and influence to advance the goals of the Indian American and Indian communities. With the Padma Shri award, Dr. Parikh becomes the only Indian American to receive the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, and the Padma Shri. The Ellis Island Medal is the highest civilian honor presented to a U.S. immigrant for community and social service. The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman award is the highest honor the Government of India presents to non-residents.

Publisher of Parikh Worldwide Media, Inc., the largest Indian American publishing group in the United States, Dr. Parikh's priority is to use the media to empower second-generation Indians assimilating to American society. His work with the media has a dual purpose: to expose mainstream America to the accomplishments and quality of the Indian American community and to encourage young people to pursue the American Dream.

Dr. Parikh has also helped construct an influential Indian American lobbying force in Washington D.C., arranged several high-level meetings between U.S. and Indian lawmakers, and secured critical votes on multiple Indian issues. Dr. Parikh has worked closely with members of both houses of Congress and the Administration to develop a close, strategic relationship between the United States and India. Under his guidance, the Friends of India Caucus was created in the Senate. Dr. Parikh was also actively involved in the U.S.-India Civilian Nuclear Agreement. He currently serves as founding board member and Vice Chairman of the Indian American Republican Council, President of the Indian American Forum for Political Education and the board of the Federation of Indian Associations.